

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1– 10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent for treating or preventing a disease characterized by an abnormal response to insulin or abnormal insulin levels, wherein the agent comprises an extract of a plant selected from the group consisting of *Angelica keiskei* koidz., *Apium*, *Daucus*, *Oenanthe javanica*, *Cryptotaenia japonica* Hassk and *Angelica pubescens* as an effective ingredient.

12. (New) The therapeutic agent or prophylactic agent of claim 11, where the disease is selected from the group consisting of diabetes, obesity, arterial sclerosis, cocaine withdrawal symptoms, static cardiac incompetence, cardiovascular seizure, cerebral angiospasm, chromaffinoma, ganglioneuroblastoma, Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's disease, hyperlipemia and hyperinsulinemia.

13. (New) An insulin-mimetic action agent, wherein the agent comprises an extract of a plant selected from the group consisting of *Angelica keiskei* koidz., *Apium*, *Daucus*, *Oenanthe javanica*, *Cryptotaenia japonica* Hassk and *Angelica pubescens* as an effective ingredient.

14. (New) A food, beverage, or feed for treating or preventing a disease characterized by an abnormal response to insulin or abnormal insulin levels, wherein the food beverage or feed comprises an extract of a plant selected from the group consisting of *Angelica keiskei* koidz., *Apium*, *Daucus*, *Oenanthe javanica*, *Cryptotaenia japonica* Hassk and *Angelica pubescens* as an effective ingredient.

15. (New) The food, beverage or feed according to claim 14, wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of diabetes, obesity, arterial sclerosis, cocaine withdrawal symptoms, static cardiac incompetence, cardiovascular seizure, cerebral angiospasm, chromaffinoma, ganglioneuroblastoma, Huntington's disease, Alzheimer's disease, hyperlipemia and hyperinsulinemia.

16. (New) An agent for the enhancement of glucose uptake into a cell, comprising an extract of a plant selected from the group consisting of *Angelica keiskei* koidz., *Apium*, *Daucus*, *Oenanthe javanica*, *Cryptotaenia japonica* Hassk and *Angelica pubescens* as an effective ingredient.

17. (New) An agent for the induction of adipocyte differentiation, comprising an extract of a plant selected from the group consisting of *Angelica keiskei* koidz., *Apium*, *Daucus*, *Oenanthe javanica*, *Cryptotaenia japonica* Hassk and *Angelica pubescens* as an effective ingredient.